

WORSE THAN SAVAGES

Revolted Atrocities Committed by the Chinese.

THE JAPANESE RETALIATED

Chinese War Ships are Not to Be Molested Hereafter.

YOKOHAMA, December 18.—(Per steamer Empress of India to Victoria).—A singular demonstration of Chinese spirit was made during the attack on Fort Arthur. While the main body of the Japanese army was devoting its energies to the attack, a Chinese force of 8000 strong was hurriedly sent from Fushan, a town on the western coast of Liao-Tung peninsula, with the object of surprising the small garrison of Japanese left in charge of Kim Chow. The attempt was an utter failure. Although heavily outnumbered, the Japanese defenders repulsed the enemy after a contest of three hours, before the reinforcements dispatched by General Oyama had time to arrive.

Correspondents of Japanese newspapers tell ghastly and revolting stories of the atrocities committed by the Chinese whenever accident has thrown small islands of Japanese soldiers in their power. Many of these tales are officially corroborated with a minuteness of detail which leaves no room for doubt of their authenticity. The mutilations of savages upon their victims are not as horrible as some which the malignant ingenuity of the Chinese has invented. After witnessing the harrowing spectacle of a group of prisoners of war, bound together on the road leading to Port Arthur, members of the Japanese conquering army threw aside all restraint and showed no mercy to those Chinese whom they next encountered. The patience of the Japanese gave way under this provocation and not before. In Manchuria the cold is severely felt. At Hong Kong the temperature averages five degrees below zero. The Yalu river is frozen and can be crossed on horseback. The Japanese marine authorities have ordered that Chinese warships are not to be molested hereafter except under circumstances of absolute necessity. The ships are expected soon to form part of the Japanese navy or they do not want them injured. This accounts for the protection to the Chen Yen men beached at Wei Hai Wei. The ships could easily be reached by the Japanese long range guns. At Shanghai it is believed she was beached purposely.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS

Amendments Offered by Turpie to the Canal Bill.

WASHINGTON, December 18.—Another resolution providing for union with Canada made its appearance in the senate today, having been introduced by Gallinger of New Hampshire, who stated that he would do everything in his power to further the consummation of such union.

Beginning his speech on the proposed Nicaragua canal today, Senator Turpie introduced several amendments to the pending bill. The most important of which was the following: "No part of the contract for said work shall be let to the Nicaragua Construction Company, nor to any other corporation associated with, or allied, or legally succeeding said Nicaragua Canal Construction Company. Contracts in said work shall be let only by the Maritime Canal Company of Nicaragua, and shall be settled and paid for only by officers of said company, subject only to prior inspection of said work in sections when completed, as congress may hereafter provide, and subject to the previous approval of the secretary of war."

An urgent resolution will appropriate \$100,000 for public printing and binding was passed.

Discussion of the Carlisle currency bill began in the house today, but the debate lacked both spirit and interest. Speaker Crisp and the house leaders have reached an agreement by which adjournment for the holiday recess will be taken at the close of the session next Saturday. The recessing will be at noon January 3d.

An Oil Well on Fire.

LOS ANGELES, December 18.—People in the oil district were treated to a grand confagration in the shape of a burning oil well. It was a tremendous blaze, and the flames shot high into the air and the whole northwestern part of the city was covered with a canopy of smoke. The well belonged to the S. L. Lohr, and is a productive one. The fire originated from a spark from a forge near the derrick. The atom of fire fell into the cesspool, which was covered with oil, and the flame spread from this point to the derrick, and then to the buildings. The oil burned furiously, and it was with difficulty that it was prevented from reaching contiguous wells. The damage was about \$1500.

Speckle's Resigns.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 18.—Adolph Speckle has resigned from the vice presidency of the California Jockey club, for which he considers unjust treatment, since last Saturday, when the horse had to carry 120 pounds against Senator Fry's 113 pounds, and less weights by other horses, and this on a very heavy track; and for this reason he scratched the horse and resigned the vice presidency, to which Dan Burns has been elected.

Coal Mine on Fire.

SEATTLE, December 18.—The whole New Castle coal mine appears to be on fire, and it is feared the mine will become a wreck, involving a loss of \$500,000 to the Oregon Improvement Company. Coal creak is pouring into the mine, but it will take several weeks to thoroughly flood it, and when the fire is extinguished it will take four or five months to pump it out. About 250 men are made idle.

The Markets.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 18.—Wheat, 90¢; December, 80¢; May, 97¢. Corn—Inactive; May, 91¢. Bran—\$12.50 per ton.

Earthquake at Carson.

CARSON, December 18.—Carson was visited by another heavy earthquake this morning at 9.40, lasting several seconds.

CALIFORNIA WINE MAKERS

The Wine Merchants Will Hereafter Offer Prices and Terms.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 18.—The California winemakers corporation has issued circulars to the wine trade giving notification that the wine makers of the state have transferred and sold to that corporation all of their '93 and '94 wines and that a portion of the wines thus assigned will shortly be offered for sale. Another paragraph in the circular states that the wine merchants will from time to time offer prices and terms to the wine makers' corporation. Heretofore the prices and terms were offered by the other side and as a result ruinously low prices prevailed. Another paragraph reads: "Those members who desire their wine sold at once should notify the secretary in order that such cellar may be first classified and samples obtained." Inspectors have been appointed in various districts to assist the board of directors and members of the corporation in the performance of their duties.

RAILROAD LAND GRANTS.

The Senate Committee Reports Adversely on the House Bill.

WASHINGTON, December 18.—The senate committee on public lands today decided to adversely report the house bill providing for the forfeiture of land grants where roads were not completed in the time specified in the bills, though built at a later period. It is understood that there was a sharp contest. The first vote in the committee was a tie, 5 to 5, and afterwards one of those voting in the affirmative changed his vote to the negative so as to permit the bill to be reported. Senator Berry led the fight for the bill, contending that as the railroads had not complied with the conditions upon which the grant was made, the bill should become a law. He contended in restoring about 51,000,000 acres of land to the public domain, 35,000,000 acres of which lies along the line of the Northern Pacific road west of Bismarck, N. D.

CARLISLE'S CURRENCY BILL.

Bland Will Offer a Substitute Based on Coin and Coin Notes.

WASHINGTON, December 18.—Representative Bland of Missouri will move to strike out all after the enacting clause in the Carlisle currency bill now before the house of representatives, and substitute a measure he has prepared for a currency system based on coin and coin notes. These are to be redeemed in gold and silver coin and the government is to coin both metals. The Bland measure would have been offered as a substitute for the pending bill, but as Mr. Walker of Massachusetts has given notice of presenting a substitute embodying a Republican view of the subject, Mr. Bland's plan will be offered in connection with the motion to strike out all after the enacting clause.

FAST HORSES.

Alix and Robert J. at Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, December 18.—Judging from the performance by Alix, who was given a little preliminary work at agricultural park today, the world's record stands an excellent chance of being wiped off the top of the list Saturday night. After she had jogged for three miles she was taken back to the half mile, with only a free lead and no urging, she came home in 1.09 1/4 and through the stretch in .29 1/4. Never in her eventful career has she shown so splendid an animal in such grand shape. Robert J. had a work-out this morning and at the half he was given his head and came through the stretch close to .21.

Attorney Philbrook's Case.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 18.—The fate of Attorney Horace W. Philbrook is now in the hands of the supreme court, which is to decide whether or not Philbrook shall be disbanded for his attack upon Justice Ralph C. Harrison. Philbrook made a long address, reviewing his case with all its outlying features exhaustively. Robert Y. Hayne, representing the bar association, which is prosecuting Philbrook, replied to Philbrook's points, after which the case was submitted to the justices in bank. The court deferred judgment for a few days.

San Francisco Races.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 18.—Five and half furlongs—Catch Em, John Jay, Ricardo. Time, 1:15.

Six furlongs—Waxons, Bone Doctor, St. Albans. Time, 1:24.

Six furlongs—Tartarian, Motor, Percy. Time, 1:21.

One mile—Enthusiast, Major Han, Mura Colt. Time, 1:54 1/2.

Six furlongs—Quint, Jim Flood, Reclamation. Time, 1:21 1/2.

Dead Tramps Identified.

VIRGINIA CITY, Nev., December 18.—It is reported here that the three young tramps who were killed recently while asleep on the railroad track near Elmir, Cal., were runaways from Virginia City named Fred, Gavin and Whittier.

AN OLD MINE.

It is Being Worked Again With Good Results.

The hard times in nearly all avenues by which people have been accustomed to make money, have caused mining to be taken up again where it was left many years ago. Gold is one of the few articles of commerce which has not depreciated in value. It holds its own in prosperity and adversity, and particularly in adversity.

The old mine, situated at the point of thorough mountain, three miles south of Toll House, will be worked again this winter. It is a placer mine, the gold being in the soil overlying the bedrock, and the diggings were worked and abandoned almost a generation ago. A small amount of work has been done from time to time since. This year the bedrock will be laid bare lower down on the mountain, where rich prospects have been found. There is plenty of water in winter.

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THE MEACHER MURDER

The Jury Instructed to Acquit Mrs. Bryan.

A DRAMATIC SCENE IN COURT

After Thanking the Jury the Defendant Scores the Prosecuting Witness.

SANTA ROSA, December 18.—"You miserable wretch, you are the man who have been persecuting me for nearly a year and who wanted to crucify me. You knew I was innocent of the murder of my dear sister all this time," cried Ellabell Bryan, as she pointed her finger at John F. Meagher, the prosecuting witness in the famous Meagher murder case, this afternoon. The excited woman fell into the arms of her weeping sisters and became almost hysterical. It was a dramatic scene when the jury, according to Judge Crawford's instructions, returned a verdict of not guilty in the trial in which Mrs. Bryan was charged with being an accomplice in the brutal murder of her blind sister, Mrs. Nancy Meagher, January 23d.

The court granted defendant's motion for dismissal of the grand jury. The evidence was not sufficient to warrant the jury in bringing in a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree, and when Mrs. Bryan heard the words that lifted the charge from her she rushed to the jury, and after thanking them, turned toward Meagher and called down the above imprecations upon him. The case of Johnnie Bryan and Mrs. Fowler have not been set for trial. It is likely that both will be dismissed, as it is reported that the evidence is no stronger against them than against Mrs. Bryan.

Will Play Both Teams.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 18.—It is now definitely settled that the visiting football team from Chicago will play both Stanford and the University of California, consequently interest in the game here is on the increase and it is expected that big crowds will attend.

Rivers Slowly Rising.

MARCHES, December 18.—The heavy rain is causing the Feather river to rise slowly. No danger is anticipated.

Fatal Shooting at Stockton.

STOCKTON, December 18.—This afternoon Antonio Belli, a farmer, was fatally shot by Natale Pizzani, with whom he had quarreled over a small tract of land, which they owned in common. Pizzani surrendered himself.

FAREWELL SOCIAL

Tendered Rev. H. B. Turner of the Emmanuel Baptist Church.

The people of the Emmanuel Baptist church gave a farewell social last night for their pastor, Mr. H. B. Turner, and his wife. It was given at the residence of H. C. Warner. The following program was rendered: Piano solo, Miss Emma Brandt; reading, Miss Lila Stockton; piano solo, Miss Edna Warner; vocal solo, Horace Curston; poem, "Good-bye," Mrs. H. B. Turner; address, G. W. Hark, delivered a farewell address, in which he expressed the regrets of the congregation at parting with their pastor, who had been with them nearly two years, and who had labored with such unwavering devotion to the cause. The excellent and lasting work done by Mrs. Turner in the Saturday school was referred to in words of praise. It is expected to supply the vacant pulpit soon. DeWitt hall, where the church services are held, is to be carpeted anew, and in other ways made comfortable.

In leaving Fresno Rev. Turner carries with him not only the good will and kindly remembrance of the members of his congregation, but also the esteem of a wide circle of friends in all walks of life, who will regret his departure, but who join in the wish that success may always attend his efforts wherever he may be.

TWO CANDIDATES

For Appointment to the Superior Judgeship.

The fight is on for the judgeship in department 2 of the superior court, made vacant by the death of Judge Holmes. Two candidates are out so far and there may be others. Stanton L. Carter and S. J. Hinds are making the fight, and they are not idle. It cannot be stated in advance which will go to Sacramento to succeed the late Judge Holmes, but much less can the final outcome be predicted.

It is understood that the Republican county central committee has endorsed Mr. Carter for the judgeship, while Mr. Hinds has many signatures from among the members of the bar, as well as many people in other walks of life. Both men seem confident of getting the appointment; but both cannot get it.

Something New.

A sure, speedy and positive cure for all kinds of coughs, colds, fevers, biliousness and liver complaints, and also a speedy and certain cure for private diseases at the Golden Rule Drug Store, where all kinds of pure drugs and patent medicines are sold cheaper than anywhere else in Fresno; where a doctor of long experience and a graduate of the best medical schools of Europe and America can be consulted and prescribed free of charge. Satisfaction guaranteed. Golden Rule Drug Store, 1730 Mariposa street, next to Bank of Central California.

Judge Webb is expected home from Visalia today, where he has been holding court in place of Judge William W. Crook. Judge Crook, who had been holding court for Judge Webb here, went home to Visalia last night.

Gypsum at Donahoe, Emmons & Co.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS.

Advertisements of "Wanted," "For Sale," "For Rent," "Lost," etc., will be inserted at the rate of 10 cents a line for each insertion. No single advertisement taken for less than 25 cents. In estimating the length of each advertisement, count each word to the line for the first three lines of ordinary reading matter, and eight words to the line for all subsequent lines. Orders by mail promptly filled, but the cash should accompany each order.

WANTED—HELP

WANTED—A GIRL TO DO COOKING. 1207 K street. d191

WANTED—GIRL 14 TO 16 YEARS OLD. Inquire S. W. corner E and Merced, d190.

WANTED—GIRL FOR DINING ROOM WORK. Also cook for small country hotel. Enquire at Grand Central hotel, between E and 12th st. d192

WANTED—THREE SALES LADIES. For toy department. Apply at Wiener's store. d193

WANTED—A GOOD, STEADY CANNYER. For house and farm. Address d194

WANTED—DRIED FRUIT AND RAISINS. For cash. JOHN H. LEBBLE & CO., 1001 1/2 street. d195

WANTED—GIRL TO ASSIST IN GENERAL housework; good wages. Call at 1713 1/2 street. d196

WANTED—THE L. L. EMPLOYMENT office furnishes male and female help on short notice. 1147 J street. MRS. E. B. BOOE d197

WANTED—SITUATIONS

WANTED—SITUATION BY A STEADYMAN or man about place in private family. L. L. box No. 1. d198

WANTED—A POSITION ON SMALL FARM. Paid by a competent man. Address box 7, this office. d199

WANTED—AN EXPERIENCED VINEYARDIST and horticultural worker. Address d200

WANTED—CONTRACTS TO DO PRUNING. Also vineyard work. Address d201

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE—5000 MILCH COWS. INQUIRE AT F. J. BURLEIGH'S warehouse. d202

FOR SALE—GOOD FINE WINE. 1 YEAR old. at 20 and 25 cents per gallon. VOGEL'S vineyard. See ad. at d203

FOR SALE—ALL THE FURNITURE in Grant's hotel. Fowler. Purchaser will be given first chance to rent building. Inquire at hotel, Fowler. d204

FOR SALE—ALPACA HAY—RAISED AND in stack, five miles south of Fowler. A. A. WEIDEN, Selma. d205

FOR SALE—A GENTLE YOUNG DRIVING horse, harness and light phaeton, as good as new. All at bargain. Address "D," box 2, this office. d206

FOR SALE—20 ACRES OF CHOICE ORANGE and lemon grove, 2 hours ride from city. A year's crop through the track. 100 acres under orchard and vineyard; 200000 worth of fruit. See ad. at d207

FOR RENT—HOUSES—ROOMS—ETC.

FOR RENT—ALPACA HAY AND GRASSLAND. Apply to E. B. FERRIS, 1730 Tulare street. d208

FOR RENT—A FIVE ACRE LOT WITH house and barn. Half block from Tulare street on line. Apply to White Front House. 1027, 1029 and 1031 1/2 street. d209

FOR RENT—HANDSOMELY FURNISHED cottages, bath on premises, one block from court house. Apply at 1028 K street. d210

FOR RENT—100 ACRES OF GRAIN LAND, good buildings, cheap for cash or good note. HARKINS & CO. d211

FOR RENT—SMALL LODGING HOUSE centrally located, at low rate. Apply to W. S. BROWN, this office. d212

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WANTED—TO RENT A SMALL RANCH. All alfalfa preferred. N. H. UTTER, Fresno. d214

WANTED—HIGHEST CASH PRICE PAID for essay scrip. J. C. HOWEN, 1053 J st. d215

WANTED—TO BUY AN IMPROVED SHACK with building, for general use. Address S. D. REPUBLICAN office. d216

WANTED—TO BUY A GOOD DRIVING horse and harness, for general use. See ad. at d217

LOST

LOST—A SHARPPIN, PITAL AND CRIBBET. 1/2 set with fine diamonds. Liberal reward for return to room 20 North building. d218

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FOUND—NEAR THE CORNER OF H and K streets, a large package of frozen pork. Owner will have same by paying for this advertisement. d219

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PRIVATE LESSONS IN FRENCH, GERMAN and Latin. Pupils waited on at their own homes. Edward A. L. Griffin, 1027 St. d222

TAKEN UP

TAKEN UP—A BROWN MALE ABOUT 7 years old, weight about 1000 lbs., no mark on head, except a small white mark on the nose. MENTH, BROS., 1/2 mile west of Fresno on California ave., and buying horses. d223

TAKEN UP—A SMALL BAY MALE ABOUT 7 years old, weight about 1000 lbs., no mark on head, except a small white mark on the nose. MENTH, BROS., 1/2 mile west of Fresno on California ave., and buying horses. d224

FOR LEASE

WINEYARD TO LEASE—ONE OF 50 ACRES with one of 20 acres, with some grain land. Inquire at the corner of 1st and 11th streets, third house from corner of East Main street. d225

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TO EXCHANGE—LUMBER AND SHAKES for seed grain. Apply to CUTTEN'S livery stable, J and Mono streets. d226

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STRAYED—TWO BROWN HORSES, ONE bay and one gray mare. Two of the horses branded H. corrected, and vented. Return to MRS. D. F. THORNTON, one mile west of Fresno, near McMillin, and receive suitable reward. d227

STRAYED—DECEMBER 17TH, 1 HORSE, brown, branded on left shoulder and left hip, black mane and tail; 1 roan horse, about 5 years old, black mane and tail. Finder please notify DUNNOLD BROS., French street. d228

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Our 7-Hook Fine Foster Gloves, regular price \$1.75, now..... \$1.50 Per Pair
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Fresno, Cal., 11th December, 1904.
 J. H. B. Swand, Clerk.
 A. M. Drew, Attorney for Petitioner. 101111

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THE CHARGES HEARD

Armenians Refuse to Recognize the Council

BUT BREAK SILENCE AT THE END

They Particularly Resent Being Seated With Chinese—Seven Charges Considered.

The second day's session of the mutual council now assembled at the Congregational church to hear the complaint of the First church of Oakland and the First church of Tulsa against the trustees of the Congregational church, ended with a decision that the charges be investigated.

This decision was not reached until a late hour in the afternoon. The whole of the morning and the greater part of the afternoon were consumed in executive session on the important question of whether the council had any local standing in the case, as its validity had been challenged by the refusal of the Armenians to take part in the proceedings.

On the preceding night, notwithstanding the formal declaration of the Armenians to recognize the legality of the council, a committee of five was appointed to meet them and earnestly solicit their cooperation in presenting evidence to sustain the charges. The committee sat in conference with five or six representative Armenians for an hour or more after the council adjourned, but the Armenians could not be induced to concede from their position.

The difficulty thus presented to the members of the council was in the nature of a deadlock and no other solution seemed open at one time than to dissolve the council forthwith. But besides the difficulty between the trustees of the church and the expelled Armenians there was another question to be determined, namely whether the Fresno church, lying under charges, is worthy of recognition by the sister Congregational churches of the state.

Pending a decision on the whole question by the executive committee, the pastors and delegates passed the long hours chatting in the open air outside the church and in admiring the mild winter climate of Fresno. About 4 p.m. it was announced that the committee were prepared to report to the council and an adjournment was had to the church interior, the executive session having been held in the south hall.

The moderator called for the committee's report, which was presented, and on action it was decided to investigate the charges against the trustees. The Armenians, six or seven in number, took their seats in the church without comment. Among them were Messrs. Josephian, Ashdarian, Shalunarian, Ohanianian, A. Paul and the Rev. A. Vartanian.

Rev. W. D. Williams objected to the receipt of the Armenian protest and the reply thereto, on several grounds, one of which was that Mr. K. Giant, a signer of the protest, as an "aggrieved member," was not a member of the church, but of Dr. McKenzie's congregation in San Francisco. After some further discussion an adjournment was had till 7 p.m.

On resuming business the moderator called on Rev. J. K. McLean on behalf of the church in Oakland to substantiate the charges against the Fresno church. Before this was done the trustees filed

a general answer to the charges. It set forth that the church has no knowledge of the fact and does not believe that the pastor or any other member ever resorted to physical any one, Armenian or otherwise, it considered worthy. The charge that two young men, who had been voted out of the church, had been refused fellowship because they were Armenians was denounced as untrue. The trustees volunteered to submit the testimony of the Rev. J. H. Collins to disprove the charge that Mr. Collins had said to Rev. A. Vartanian that he had been conspired by three ministers, two of whom were named, not to give any hearing to the Armenians. On the sixth charge, that Mr. Collins had written an insulting letter to Mr. Josephian, the trustees charged that the Armenians had been persistently discriminated against, and the customary hymn books and Bible not distributed to them.

In regard to the ninth charge, that the Armenians had been denied seats in the church on the same footing with other members of the congregation, the trustees answered that the Armenians had of their own accord, chosen seats on the north side of the church, and that several Armenian families (named) have regularly occupied seats in the body of the church, without interference from the trustees.

In reference to the thirteenth charge, that there had been any such expulsion, the trustees charged that the Armenians had been expelled from the church, and that the trustees had occupied the attention of the church members during a special session, at which resolutions were adopted, to the effect that the Armenians were expelled from the church.

The eleventh charge, that "Deacon Foster had said to the Rev. A. Vartanian that it would be best for the Armenians to withdraw their names from the church roll" was answered by an offer to introduce Mr. Foster's written statement. The trustees further offered the written statement of three pastors of this city to disprove the thirteenth charge, that Mr. Collins had declared to the Armenians that he would like to see all the Armenians out of the church.

With regard to the thirteenth charge, that the names of a number of Armenians had been stricken from the rolls without notice for asking to have a mutual council determine the difference between them and the trustees, the latter offered to produce testimony that fifty days had elapsed without reply from the thirteen Armenians after notice had been given them before their names were stricken off. The trustees also gave their reasons for refusing at the time to submit the matter to a mutual council, the question of expense being of these.

The council then proceeded to take the charges in order and to hear oral testimony. In every instance the Armenians were offered an opportunity to testify, but they declined to remain silent until near the close. As a result the proceedings became reduced to a purely mechanical process of reading letters, filing papers and producing records, with here and there a bit of live humor that served to break the monotony. Mr. Kahanarian made a statement, which he said was for the purpose of throwing light on the subject of the rejection of two young Armenians for membership, but as Mr. Kahanarian could not express himself intelligently in English, the council was left just as wise as before. Mr. Ritchie, one of the delegates, was put to confusion when gravely asked by the Rev. W. D. Williams if he was an Armenian, and replied with laughter that he was a Scotchman.

In investigating the first charge it was shown that the \$3000 forming the principal part of the church construction fund came from the Congregational union without reference to Armenian members. Rev. W. O. Pond was heard

the California representative of the union at the time.

This was in answer to the claim that the church had been built largely with money obtained from the east and with contributions by Armenian members.

Mr. Collins said the church records contained no information as to the specific sources from which the money was obtained.

Deacon Colson said he would admit that \$100 had been donated by a gentleman from New York.

The council proceeded to deal with charge two, that Mr. Shalunarian had been refused recognition after being elected deacon.

The trustees replied by showing from the church records that Mr. Shalunarian had of his own motion asked to have his appointment delayed, as he had been elected at a meeting when only three members were present.

The charge that two young Armenians had been refused fellowship after being voted worthy of membership consumed considerable time in investigation.

Rev. J. H. Collins and Deacon Colson categorically denied that the young men had been rejected because they were Armenians. They said the real fact was that the case of the young men had been laid over, because certain circumstances seemed to need more investigation than was possible at the time.

Their admission was delayed, as he had been elected at a meeting when only three members were present.

Rev. J. H. Collins personally denied having said to Rev. A. Vartanian that certain pastors, named, had advised him not to give a hearing to Armenians. J. B. McKay corroborated.

On the next charge Mr. Ohanianian of the Armenians said Mr. Josephian had the original "insulting" letter claimed to have been written him by Rev. J. H. Collins, but was unwilling to produce it because the Armenians did not desire to recognize the legality of the council.

Mr. Collins said he had preserved a copy of the letter and at the request of the council he read it.

Rev. H. M. Tenney was appointed a committee to see Mr. Josephian and endeavor, if possible, to compare the copy with the original. In the latter it is possible or a certified copy of it.

A motion to adjourn was voted down, and the council proceeded to take up the charge that the Armenians had been discriminated against in the matter of seats in the church and in the distribution of hymn books and Bibles.

Mr. Ohanianian, who had previously spoken, was heard on the subject of the seating of the Armenians in a particular section of the church.

J. B. McKay, one of the trustees of the church, denied that he had ever discriminated against the Armenians, either in the matter of seating or the distribution of hymn books. Mr. Ohanianian insisted that the trustees had tried to seat all the Armenians on the north side of the church. W. A. Coss, an usher, corroborated the statement of Mr. McKay.

In response to a question Deacon Colson said the Armenians had objected to being seated with the Chinese. Mr. Ritchie said that in the early days of the church the Armenians voluntarily took one side of the church and the Americans the other. There were no ushers at that time. Mr. K. Giant, who had been listening impatiently, here rose and said he had come with the resolve not to testify but that he could stand it no longer. He positively declared that both he and Mr. Josephian, his brother-in-law, had been seated under protest beside Chinese, time after time. He (Giant) wanted to add that he had also been seated at one time near an American who was drunk, and he wanted to ask if all Americans were decent and respectable.

D. Keshigyan, an Armenian member of the church, said he and his family had never been discriminated against in any way. The Armenians had been in the habit of sitting in groups "just as they are now," added the speaker,

and laughter, pointing to Giant, Ohanianian and the "aggrieved members."

Rev. J. H. Collins read a letter from R. G. Chaddock, a former pastor of the church, to the effect that no attempt had been made in his time to discriminate against the Armenians, members or social grounds. A letter from Trustee G. P. Noble, denying the discrimination against the Armenians, as such, was read, and the council adjourned, having dealt with seven of the thirteen charges.

In the report of Monday night's proceedings the unintentional omission of three or four words caused a grave injustice to be done in these columns to the Rev. J. H. Collins. It was made to appear that when Mr. K. Giant retired, after some caustic allusions to Mr. Collins, the latter "followed Giant step by step down the church." This might lead to the inference that Mr. Collins contemplated an assault on Mr. Giant, whereas Mr. Collins never left his seat, and maintained perfect composure. He followed Mr. Giant "with his eyes" as the latter gentleman seemed to him, but made no sign or gesture of any kind.

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